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SUBJECT: ESTIMATE OF FUTURE CAPABILITIES OF LOCAL REFUELING

SOURCES TO SERVICE SHIPS ROTATING FROM GULF AND
INDIAN OCEAN

1. CURRENT CONSIDERATION OF LOGISTICS PROVISIONS FOR
FUELING USNSHIPS FROM FLEET ASSETS DURING PERIODIC
ROTATION FROM SERVICE WITH COMIDEASTFOR AND/OR INDIAN
OCEAN TASK GROUP REQUIRES ESTIMATES OF REFUELING CAPA-
BILITIES AT ANGOLA AND MOZAMBIQUE IN RELATION PROBABLE

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NEEDS OF SHIPS TRANSITING AROUND CAPE OF GOOD HOPE.

2. ESTIMATES SHOULD BE BASED UPON CONTINUING COMIDEASTFOR RATE OF ROTATION AND TURNOVERS OF TWO DD'S EVERY SIX MONTHS, OR FOUR TWO-SHIP TRANSITS ANNUALLY, AS IN RECENT YEARS. IN ADDITION, IT MAY BECOME NECESSARY TO PROVIDE SIMILAR ROTATIONS OF SHIPS FOR INDIAN OCEAN TASK GROUP FROM LANTFLT ASSETS IN THE FUTURE SHOULD OTHER DEMANDS ON PACFLT REQUIRE USAGE OF THESE ASSETS. IN THIS EVENTUALITY, FURTHER REQUIREMENTS SHOULD BE ANTICIPATED FOR ROTATIONS FROM INDIAN OCEAN TASK GROUP TRANSITING CAPE OF GOOD HOPE TO AND FROM LANTFLT INVOLVING AN ADDITIONAL FOUR TO EIGHT FOUR-SHIP TRANSITS OF DESTROYER TYPE SHIPS PER YEAR.

3. CONGENS ARE THEREFORE REQUESTED, BASED UPON LOCAL EXPERIENCE WITH ACTUAL REFUELING REQUIREMENTS INDICATED BY PAST REFUELING OF SUCH DD'S DURING TRANSITS AROUND CAPE, TO PROVIDE ALL ADDRESSEES ESTIMATES OF ANTICIPATED FUEL AVAILABILITIES, INCLUDING FUEL MIXES (E.G., NAVAL DISTILLATE (ND), DIESEL) COVERING PERIOD 1 FEBRUARY - 30 JUNE 74, AND QUARTERLY THEREAFTER, AND TRANSLATING THOSE AVAILABILITIES INTO ESTIMATES CAPABILITIES TO SERVICE SHIP TRANSITS IN PARA 2 ABOVE. WHERE COMMERCIAL SHIP BUNKERING PRIORITIES ARE IN BEING OR PLANNED, REQUEST VIEWS AS TO RELATIVE PRIORITIES THAT COULD BE EXPECTED FOR USN SHIPS. KISSINGER

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